

THE SIGNS OF COMING JUDGEMENT

(Ezekiel 21-22)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 1-20:

II. A SWORD OF JUDGEMENT AND THE MARKS OF A NATION IN RUIN: (*Ezekiel 19-20*)

- A. The drawn sword of divine judgement: (*chapter 21*)
 - 1. The unsheathed blade: (*vv. 1-7*)
 - 2. The song of the sword: (*vv. 8-17*)
 - 3. The signpost at the crossroads: (*vv. 18-27*)
 - 4. The doom of the wicked prince: (*vv. 25-27*)
- B. The Sins of the bloody city: (*22:1-12*)
 - 1. A city of bloodshed: (Murder, violence, and judicial corruption)
 - 2. The breakdown of the family: (Family unit broken, contempt towards parents, sexual immorality)
 - 3. Oppression of the vulnerable: (Mistreatment towards orphans, widows, and immigrants)
 - 4. The root cause: (verse 12)
- C. Wrath shown through the refining fire: (*22:13-22*)
 - 1. A melting pot of judgment: (The city of Jerusalem)
 - 2. The consuming heat: (The heat separating the dross from the value)
- D. The total collapse of leadership: (*22:23-31*)
 - 1. Corrupt prophets: (Claiming to speak for God, selfish gain and greed) (*v. 25, 28*)
 - 2. Compromised priests: (Profane holy things, not teaching the difference between clean and unclean) (*v. 26*)
 - 3. Cruel officials: (Political leaders acting like wolves and destroying lives for dishonest gain) (*v. 27*)
 - 4. Common extortion: (People committing robbery and oppression to the poor) (*v. 29*)
 - 5. The missing intercessor: (The search for a single person to stand the gap) (*v. 30*)

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. Jesus Christ truly became the one that filled the gap and became the one and only intercessor between us and God.
- B. One of the biggest signs of decay is when we take lightly sin and continue to practice such behaviors with no sign of repentance.
- C. One of the issues that God continued to bring up was profaning the sabbath and profaning his name, are we in danger of profaning the Lord when it comes to the day that we come to observe church?